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**Two Outcomes of the Doing PPP Event in Istanbul, Turkey:**  
**International Criteria of PPP Law & Establishment of**  
**International PPP Platform/Center**

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On April 29-30 2010, an international PPP conference was co-organized by UNECE, TIKA, BSEC and International PPP Platform Turkey in Istanbul. The conference addressed the Challenge of Doing PPPs in the Black Sea Region, the Caucasus and Central Asia: “Bridging the Gap in PPP Knowledge and Skills”. Participants were drawn from 26 different countries. Speakers from Ministries, municipalities, other governmental organizations, NGOs and from the private sector delivered presentations.

Mr. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan also demonstrated his personal support to the event: “*I thank you for your kind invitation to the Symposium, and I whole heartedly wish a successful symposium to all of the participants who contribute to the event with their respected comments, best regards*”. The participants of the event covered a full range of stakeholders such as public sector, banking, contractors, advisors, investors. The participants shared their experiences and agreed that the importance of PPP over the next decades will grow. The presentations were by all accounts excellent and will help countries in the region to use the PPP model for developing effective infrastructure and improved public services. Participants furthermore declared that the event has been one of the best PPP symposiums ever organized in Turkey.

Turkey is making amendments and drafting new articles which will unify Turkish PPP legislation. Expectations are that the Turkish Draft PPP Law will amongst other things:

- Bring PPP legislation into line with international standards & harmonized with EU regulations
- Encourage the cooperation between public and private parties
- Standardize tender documents & procedures
- Ensure minimum bureaucracy and one-stop shop for prospective investors

A lively discussion took place on the legislation in the pipeline and on the criteria on which a PPP Law should be based so as to be in line with international standards of best practice.

Another important outcome of the event was the decision to establish a PPP platform for the region; Central Asia, Black Sea Region, Caucasus. UNECE also supported this initiative due to the need for a comprehensive programme of capacity building in the region. This proposal was supported by Turkey, who would welcome the opportunity to be the center of this International PPP Platform/Center. Its main mission will be experience and knowledge sharing in PPP among the countries in the region. The said initiative will be invaluable in assisting countries in benchmarking their progress in establishing an enabling environment for PPP.